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Light Vote Interpretations

WE agree with A. M. Thomas of Malin, whose letter appears on this page, in his annoyance at the large numbers of people who did not vote in the November election. Pre-occupation with the war or with a job is no good excuse for failing to exercise the precious right of franchise. The vote here and in the state generally was disgracefully low.

Making allowances for people who have moved or died, but whose names are still on the registration lists, it is our estimate that about 50 per cent of the legitimately registered voters in this county did not vote in the general election. That is a discreditable showing.

Much as those who were disappointed in the outcome of the election would like to think so, the fact the vote was light does not mean the election would have come out some other way if it had been heavy. That spurious theory assumes that the decisive majority of those who failed to vote would have voted differently from the decisive majority of those who did vote. The opposite conclusion is the reasonable one. The general election vote was taken on a broad basis, and the results were consistent. The probability is that if the vote were heavier, the results would have been the same but even more decisive.

As Paul Mallon said in a recent column, "few non-partisan political experts will believe the election result anything less than it seemed to be."

The defeat of Congressman Pierce is a case in point. The final official result was: Pierce, 16,809; Stockman, 26,723. Congressman Pierce lost every county in the district but one. The consistency and broad basis of the results were therefore definitely conclusive and decisive.

Another angle which has come to our attention is the large number of democrats who state they voted consistently for republican candidates in the general election. Of course, this may be discounted to some extent by the tendency of some people to want to be on the winning side and to claim they voted that way when they know the results. But if most of them are telling the truth, a large number of democrats did vote for republican candidates, and the election results show it.

Most of us are not rabidly partisan. We vote for candidates and on issues on the basis of our opinions of the men and the questions involved, regardless of the party political situation. The rigid "straight ticket" voters are the exception, rather than the rule, in this part of the county.

In the congressional election, particularly, the people express their opinion on national domestic policies. That is about the only way they can do it, directly. Hence it is only fair to interpret the defeat of Mr. Pierce as an expression of dissatisfaction with the policies for which he stood.

Bonanza High School Wins County Declamation Contest

Bonanza high school Wednesday won the county high school declamation contest for the third time in succession, thereby gaining permanent possession of the Bert Hall trophy.

Successful contestants from Bonanza were Merrill Driscoll, Danny Given, Goldie Pauls, Mae Lilly, and Pauline Wood. Other schools competing were Malin, Bly and Henley.

Mae Lilly of Bonanza was awarded the Mary Mitchell trophy for the best dramatic reading.

EIGHT MISSING ON FISHING BOAT

CORDOVA, Alaska, Nov. 27 (P)—Grave concern was felt today over the fate of eight men on a fishing boat missing two weeks on a trip to a lumber camp on Fidalgo bay, 80 miles from here.

They were George Roberts, owner of the lumber company, Arthur G. Clark, boat owner, and Frenchy Gordon, Jack Koski, Tommy Moore, Harry Wilson, Martin Munson and Oscar Hill, new workers being taken to the camp.

First word of their failure to arrive was brought here three days ago by Mrs. Roberts, who came here from the camp looking for them. The coast guard put out two boats Wednesday to search coves and inlets along the shoreline but found no traces of their boat.

Their route lay around Knowles Head, treacherous waters in stormy weather.

Silverton Dairy Herd to Be Sold

SILVERTON, Nov. 27 (P)—The 15-head dairy herd of the H. D. Dick farm will be sold at auction here Saturday, adding another to the long list of large herds in this area which have been split into smaller herds since the war.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The Italian people literally have three-quarters of a million nazi guns at their heads.

Sixty or more German divisions have been pushed into Mussolini's land by Hitler, to ward off as long as possible the collapse of the fascist regime and the revolution that would bring the first break for peace.

Consequently, these rumors out of Turkey and elsewhere, suggesting that the old Marshal

Badoglio is already preparing to oust Il Duce, have not whipped up much expectation of immediate action here.

True, Italy should be the first to break. A strong revolutionary

movement is in hiding awaiting the first chance to take over. It would have pushed the feeble Mussolini off his palace seat long ago, except that such a step would only bring Hitler's guns into action and crush the revolution prematurely.

So it looks to those who watch matters closely here that the allied nations will have to take Sicily and then land troops in Italy before the signal can be given.

Secretly, he called in everything he had of consequence from every front when he saw all Africa about to fall as a result of our invasion. He would not give Rommel enough air support to stop the British attack in Egypt, but when we moved into the western Mediterranean, he went into action.

Some planes were taken from the Russian front. A large store he had accumulated in Rumania for a threatened attack on Turkey were all called in. His sky fleets in Greece and Crete were likewise summoned. All have assumed positions in Sicily and Italy for what may now become the greatest air battle of the war.

That is one thing which has retarded our progress through Tunisia. He could fly even his short range fighter planes in from other fronts, but ours had to come by boat from Britain. (Only our bombers came via air.)

His gasoline stores could also be flown, but ours had to come by transport. Naturally, in the face of this quickly massed resistance, we had to wait to gather in our full strength before plunging into a tremendous air fight.

Also Hitler has managed to get a few transports across to Africa with submarine and air protection. He has even succeeded in withdrawing troops from the faraway Caucasus front and bringing them to Italy.

Winners in the different divisions, listed according to first, second, third and fourth place, were: Oratory, Lenore McMillan, Bly; Merrill Driscoll, Bonanza; Jane Patterson, Malin; and Frances Arant, Henley.

Extemporaneous: Danny Given, Bonanza, and Margaret Murphy, Henley.

Story Telling: Donna Clugston, Malin; Goldie Pauls, Bonanza, and Charles Cheyne, Henley.

Drama: Mae Lilly, Bonanza; Martha Given, Bly; Ruth Edwards, Malin, and Glenora Chesnut, Henley.

Humorous: Lee Patrasek, Malin; Wallace Ward, Bly; Elmer Birk, Henley, and Pauline Wood, Bonanza.

Forensic committee in charge included O. H. Johnson, Henley, chairman, assisted by E. L. Coyner, Bonanza, and A. E. Street, Malin. L. B. Emery of Klamath Union high school acted as critic judge.

Geneva Obrist, Jo Lust Honored At Business School

Two students from Klamath Falls are members of the recently published Dean's list at Armstrong college, Berkeley, Calif.

The students are Geneva Obrist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Obrist of 2010 Vine street, and Jo Lust, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Lust of Klamath Falls, who was a member of the Dean's list for the second time.

To become a member of the Dean's list, the student must maintain a "B" average throughout the quarter.

Both Miss Lust and Miss Obrist are enrolled in the private secretarial course.

If we accept peace without occupying at least temporarily the main islands of Japan, we might as well begin planning our next war with them.—Robert Belaire, former United Press Tokyo correspondent.

SIDE GLANCES



"I wish I could lay hands on that architect who sold me on the idea that plain, useful basements were old-fashioned and we should have a rumpus room instead!"

But our troops and the British outnumber his three to one or more. We will win.

MYSTERIOUS RUSSIA
The Russian communiques sound like the back of the German army has been broken at Stalingrad and annihilation of Hitler's armies on that front might possibly be complete.

No one, however, ever knows how much Russia has, or how true are the red communiques. Official statements on both sides on that front have been notoriously exaggerated.

If the soviet claims of killed and captured have not been repetitions, certainly a final decline of German military morale in Russia would be indicated.

But it is wiser to be cautious and expect that the Germans can form a straight line across the bend of the Don river. Such a winter line is physically feasible.

However, if the soviets get as far as Rostov, they can cut the Caucasus armies of Hitler completely off from their base and extend the nazi disaster to proportions which will stimulate talk of surrender.

HITLER KNOWS
From all these factual considerations, it is evident German military power of resistance is being broken. The axis cannot win the war.

Hitler knows it as well as we do—perhaps better. (He knows, for instance, the extent to which British and American bombings have limited his plane production, a matter at which we can only guess.)

The road to victory and peace is therefore open and the way clear ahead.

The top of the hill will come quickly if revolutions get started in Italy and Germany, but the lives of the officials who have the guns in those countries depend on how long they can hold those guns, not only against us

but against their discouraged and dissenting elements.

PASS THE AMMUNITION
In the face of defeat, they will hang on as long as possible. Rumors based on plain expectations, therefore, may be premature, may lead us to ease up.

Clearly, this is the time for us to strike harder and faster. Our offensive plans must be rushed into double-quick. Things we contemplated doing next spring must be done now. Production and deliveries must be keyed higher.

We can pray that collapse of German arms will bring peace tomorrow, next week, next month, or as soon as possible, but we must pass the ammunition faster to effect the result.

Founder of "Big Brother Farm" Passes Thursday

LEBANON, Nov. 27 (P)—Chester Adams Lyon, founder of the Big Brother farm for underprivileged children, died there yesterday. He was 54.

Since coming to Oregon in 1912, Lyon had been prominent in educational and civic activities. He was active in the prevention of juvenile delinquency for many years in Portland and there established a school for parents in 1925. He founded the Oregon Home Counselor, a magazine.

He set up the farm for children near here in 1912.

Survivors include the widow, a daughter, Catherine, of Fresno, Calif., and a son, Howard, 20, student at Lewis & Clark college.

The funeral will be Sunday.

London police are not supposed to chew gum on duty. What do they do for a night stick?

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 100 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcomed.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—At the request of the president that universal gratitude be shown for the blessings of Providence, a meeting was held on Thanksgiving day in one of our local churches.

This fact is quite generally known. From an observer's point of view, the gathering was intensely interesting. There sat side by side those who had been at sword's point, not so long ago.

What had happened? Were the various denominations mending their differences in view of a common danger? Or, was there a brotherhood springing up in their hearts, which lack has long been the sport of their critics? Whatever the cause, it was grand to see their comradeship.

And, the various preachers, sensing the uniqueness and opportunity of the occasion, be assured, had their best foot forward. A minimum of peculiar doctrines were expressed, and that which was given was so clear and simple a child could understand. Who hasn't heard of the devotions of Washington at Valley Forge; or of Lincoln during our civil strife; and of many other noble men who have done this country so great service—with the help of Omnipotence, upon which they called? Out of their difficulties they were led with flying colors. Surely, the same formula will work for us, who were created equal.

Yes, the equality of mankind was partially realized by this audience, at least. And it was a rare privilege to meet those who were public spirited, even in their religion. The place rightfully acknowledged as the origin of the truth of the individual equality of man, was their guide—a blessing in this fair land of ours for which they were thankful. Where else will you find it accepted in those countries who take this same Guide?

But, if so many people can agree upon these few points, why can they not agree on every cardinal point of Christian belief and truth? That would give the united spiritual front which, admittedly, is so needed. What would be better than to unite on common ground, and then take this same Guide, the Bible, and consider all major points of difference, in the same democratic atmosphere, and proceed scientifically. (You know, science has made rapid progress in the past few decades, while religion, if anything, has backslidden.) Proof?—Consider this war we are in.

"Oh!" you say. "People cannot do this, for their religious beliefs are bound up with their dearest emotions." But, friend, so was science until open, unbiased discussion was fostered. If men have discovered physical law with a reasonable amount of open-mindedness, why not discover all the important laws of conduct which will make for life, the same way? Does not your own Guide even say, that that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me? If pure religion is workable to the good effects, of which the history, especially of this country, attests, then in all fairness we must acknowledge that good religion is not merely a fancy, but a fact. It is this fact, friend, that I would like to consider with you; and you can see it must be considered.

If there is any sect or creed that has any authoritative evidence to the contrary, which would stand in the light of the Bible, or common sense, let's hear it. If this is wrong, and you warn us not, if anyone is destroyed because of your neglect, our blood will be required at your hand. But if these things are right, our lives depend upon our acting accordingly, as it has in the past.

S. H. WORTH,
Lakeshore Drive,
Klamath Falls, Ore.

RECREATION YEAR

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—During the year many recreational activities are carried on in Klamath Falls under the direction of the recreation committee. This committee is composed of the following members: Andy Collier, chairman, Malcolm Epley, Lynn Roycroft, Howard Barnhisel, M. C. Cassel, Sid Elliot and John Eblinger.

At a recent meeting the committee decided that the past year of recreation up to date had been outstanding in the city recreation history.

This sudden increase in the success of city recreation has been due to several things. For the first time this summer's program was built around the facilities of the high school. Also for the first time a city wide camping project was carried on at Lake O' the Woods for two weeks. This trip included girls. Previous to this year the girls had been left behind.

Probably one of the most outstanding factors for the success of the summer's program, and

which drew a large amount of favorable comment, was the donors. Each year various individuals and organizations give freely of time and money towards the city recreation program.

At this time, in behalf of the recreation committee and myself, I would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their generosity and help which has proven outstanding in the success of the city recreation program: T. R. Thompson, Sears, Roebuck and company; Ted Medford, Safeway stores; George Connor of Connor's Radio Service; Rose Poole of Poole's Theatre; Earl Boughman of Esquire theatre; Ralph Howard of Big Basin Lumber company; Don Drury, Kalpine Plywood company; Kimball's Glass shop; Lloyd Saling of Pacific Fruit and Storage; Butler's Natatorium; Sid Elliot of J. C. Penney's; Klamath Moulding company; Elks club, Klamath Falls creamery, A. H. Bussman, S. V. Pickett, school district No. 1; Fred Peterson, county school superintendent; Arnold Gralapp, superintendent of city schools; Rolla Gould, Harley Evans, Harold Teale, Glen Guiley, Merle Hodge and Charles Tilton.

Before closing I would also like to express the sincere appreciation of the recreation committee and myself to the supervisors of the summer recreation and camping program. Without proper supervision, a recreation program would be practically useless. The following individuals were outstanding in their work: Kelly Robinette, Joe Peak, Patricia Talbot, Lillian Redkey, Fred Wheeler, Gerald Clemens, Ella Redkey, Carolyn Collier, Ina Christy, Virginia Heuvel, Minerva Bridge, Mrs. Carnes and Mrs. Finley.

Yours truly,
DAVID S. BRIDGE.

Thomas Cracks Non-Voters
MALIN, Ore. (To the Editor) From your editorial "Congressman Seeks Views," November 25, I quote:

"But he goes to Washington as representative of a district populated with hard-headed, hard-working, patriotic American citizens who gave him a decisive majority because they believed he represented their ideas on national issues and because they were dissatisfied with certain domestic policies as represented by his incumbent opponent."

As a matter of fact, out of each 100 qualified voters of this county about 23 voted for Stockman, about 12 for Pierce and SIXTY-FIVE DID NOT VOTE AT ALL. And that proportionate vote is not far off for the congressional district as a whole.

Where is your "decisive majority," where your authority for saying a majority in this district oppose the ideas on national issues and domestic policies of our incumbent congressman.

Stockman's total vote was less than the normal reactionary vote of this district.

Let me tell you what the recent election did prove. It proved one thing and one thing only—that a decisive majority of the "hard-headed, hard-working, patriotic American citizens" have no interest in "politics" at all until they are out of a job and hungry, that when they have a job they value their franchise less than a half day's pay or an evening's entertainment.

There has been considerable sounding-off by reactionaries, both in congress and the press as to what this election means and as to what will be done now in the way of quashing the liberal domestic policies of the present national administration. I am sorry there was not more of it, as there would have been had not the invasion of North Africa taken the center of the stage just when it did, for it might have taught the 65 per cent of non-voters that there is still truth in the old saying that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," that they had better stop work and vote two years from now unless they want the same aftermath from this war as

that which followed World war I.

And, as a matter of fair play to Stockman: If you send him a copy of the editorial herein referred to, send him a copy of this letter also. Let's give the kid a chance. He'd better wait and see what the 65 per cent of non-voters think about the international and domestic policies of the man he succeeds before he departs too far from them, if he wants to stay in Washington long.

Yours truly,
A. M. THOMAS.

P. S. I see the private power companies have perked up too, since the election and are advertising the beauties of private power, locally and nationally. They too could to advantage study election statistics.

GASOLINE REGISTRATION
BONANZA, Ore. (To the Editor)—In the first German war there was no gasoline registration, but plenty of other bunk. We used kerosene or common coal oil with "ether" to about two ounces to a five-gallon supply of coal oil.

The ether makes it bark. Try it.

J. O. HAMAKER.

Editor's Note: Expert mechanics tell us that the kerosene-ether combination that worked (after a fashion) in 1917-18 would not work on the modern, high compression cars.

Klamath's Yesterdays

From the files—40 years ago and 10 years ago.

From The Klamath Republican Nov. 27, 1902

Judge George T. Baldwin was caricatured last week in the Oregonian together with other leading delegates to the irrigation convention. We have seen better likenesses of the judge.

A band of about 200 horses, being driven from Lake county to the railroad at Marysville, smashed through a bridge spanning Pit river and all went into the water. Fortunately, only three were lost.

I. D. Applegate came in from the Lava Beds on Monday.

From The Klamath Herald Nov. 26, 1932

Speculation ran rife in the city today over the outcome of an ouster suit filed against Mayor-elect W. E. Mahoney by R. C. Groesbeck. A Mahoney club has been formed to work in behalf of Mahoney, who is staying outside the jurisdiction of the court to prevent service of papers on him. Mayor Fred H. Cofer, asked today whether he would be a candidate again in case of a special election, said: "If the people want Mahoney, give them Mahoney."

Faithful Collio Saves Master, Three Years Old

SOMERSET, Pa., Nov. 27 (P)—Three-year-old Kenneth Eugene Slagle, Jr., wandered three miles from his home in the freezing cold of the Allegheny mountains yesterday—but his faithful collio dog saw to it that no harm befell him.

After state police and six volunteer fire companies searched for the boy six hours, he was found safe in a farm field.

Fireman Thomas Bowman said the dog had dug a hole in the ground in which its little master could lie, safe from the cold wind. Then Bowman found the boy and dog, snuggled happily against each other.

A plane manufacturer says beauty operators make excellent factory workers. Glad to hear they don't curl up on the job.

DO YOU WANT AN ESSENTIAL OCCUPATION WITH A POST-WAR FUTURE?

We need a number of men for permanent positions as "mechanical tabulating equipment mechanics"—officially defined by Selective Service headquarters as an essential occupation.

WE are a large, well-established manufacturer of office machines and equipment. Our entire production is going to war manufacturers and government bureaus. We urgently need men who are mechanically minded—not necessarily with mechanical experience—to keep these essential office machines operating at top speed in war plants and government offices. We teach you everything you need to know about the machines, and we pay you a salary while you are learning. The positions are permanent, with excellent opportunities for advancement.

YOU are a man with a knack for mechanical work, even though you may not be using that knack at present. You are a high-school graduate and U. S. citizen. The armed forces have passed you by, and will continue to do so. You are not doing war work now. You are ambitious, loyal, a good worker, eager to get ahead.

YOU AND WE should get together. Write us a brief confidential letter, telling us about yourself. Give us also your age and phone number. Write today if possible.

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P. S. Do you have a friend who should know about this opportunity? We'd appreciate your calling him about it—and so would he!